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REPORT STORES SELLING GOODS
ONLY FOR DOLLARS OR GOLD

GIVES FOOD PRICES -- Boston, Dielli, 13 Dec 50

For the last month, letters from Albania have been reporting the opening of several new stores in Albania, in which goods are sold only for dollars or gold.

According to a recent letter, the US dollar is worth 300 lek, as compared with 50 lek previously. A US dollar will buy 7 kilograms of wheat, as compared with 2 kilograms previously. Eggs, butter, coffee, and many other items can be bought very cheaply for dollars.

Many Americans of Albanian descent have been receiving letters and telegrams from Albania asking for dollars.

SAYS STORE WELL-STOCKED -- Boston, Liria, 8 Dec 50

During the last 2 or 3 weeks many letters have arrived from Albania asking for dollars. The letters say that a large, well-stocked store has been opened in Korce and is selling goods at reasonable prices: wheat flour, 12 lek per kilogram; macaroni, 18 lek per kilogram; butter, 85 lek per kilogram; eggs, 50 lek per kilogram ^[sic]; sugar, 35 lek per kilogram; soap, 36 lek per kilogram; soft cheese, 36 lek per kilogram; kackavall ^[a cheese made from sheep's milk], 125 lek per kilogram; shoes, 400 lek per pair; calico, 50 lek per meter; and good cloth 200 lek per meter. The dollar is worth 50 lek. -- G. Galany

STANDARD OF LIVING UP -- Boston, Liria, 22 Dec 50

Tirana -- During 1950, all categories of Albanian workers received 21 percent more food than in 1949 through the state guaranteed-supply [rationing] system.

On the average, a worker received 33 to 34 percent more macaroni, 16 to 17 percent more rice or beans, 50 percent more marmalade, and about 17 percent more bread than in 1949.

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